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by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 16:59:47 -0600 (CST)
From: "Brian.Buydens@usask.ca" <buydens@duke.usask.ca>
To: Jeff Jones <jeffj@crl.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27996] Re: Need Digital VFO
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96.971003165923.11827A-100000@duke.usask.ca>
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I remember seeing one in SPRAT but I don't remember the issue. It was
sometime last year.

Brian.

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997, Jeff Jones wrote:

> I am hoping that some one here on this fine list could point me in the
> right direction. I am looking for a digital VFO kit that I could build. I
> want to build a QRP rig that will be totally controlled by my laptop. So
> hence I need the VFO to start. I have seen the kits advertised but of
> course when I really want to get one I can't find one any where!
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> Thanks for any and all help!
>
> Jeff
>
> AB6MB
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+-----+
| Brian Buydens,          Computing Services, University of Saskatchewan |
| email: Brian.Buydens@usask.ca      http://duke.usask.ca/~buydens |
| VE5RDV                                |
|                                     |
| DO NOT ADD ME TO ANY MAILING LISTS WITHOUT MY CONSENT !!!          |
+-----+
| And it's Ho, boys, can't you code it, and program it right         |
| Nothing ever happens in the life of mine                           |
| I'm hauling up the data on the Xerox line                           |
|                                     |
|      Nigel Russell (Stan Rogers Band) - "White Collar Holler"      |
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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 19:05:11 -0400 (EDT)
From: Mike Duke <K5xu@cris.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27997] WANTED! QSYER for Kenwood rigs
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.96.971003190208.22948D-100000@voyager.cris.com>
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If you have a Qsyer key pad for the Kenwood ts-140/680/440 line, and want to part with it, I need one.

It will help me know where I'm going with a TS-680.

72/73
Mike

AMATEUR RADIO STATION K 5 X U
Jackson, Mississippi

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 97 19:49:25 EDT
From: Joel Malman <malman@BBN.COM>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: malman@BBN.COM
Subject: [27998] DX Alert
Message-ID: <199710032349.TAA253568@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Group,

Time 2330z 3 Oct 97.

If you live on the East Coast or maybe mid-west and can get on 17 meters, do it NOW! NOW! NOW!

17 meters is wide open to JAPAN.

If you ever wanted to 'run' Japan stations from the East Coast, you can do it now. I just worked JA7COK and then 7N2PTB. For the first time I ever worked two JA's in a row. There are plenty of other JA's around.

/joel wa1qvm

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 16:56:03 -0700 (PDT)
From: herr@ridgecrest.ca.us (Michael Herr)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27999] Boy Scouts and QRP
Message-ID: <v01530500630c4bab7514@[199.120.150.108]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang,

I'll be heading out with the Boy Scouts again this weekend. Going up to our shack of a cabin near Piute Peak, about 50 miles south / east of Ridgecrest Ca. Going to take the NorCal 40 and Cascade (also on 40) for the duration. Look for me SSB near 7175 and 7220 and then cw at 7038.

CUL

Mike WA6ARA

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 00:57:51 -5
From: "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@bright.net>
To: jeffj@crl.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28000] DDS VFO
Message-ID: <199710040001.UAA05159@sparticus.bright.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Jeff -

Check out the Hands Electronics Web Page at www.rf-kits.demon.co.uk

- Hands has a couple of DDS kits I can get for you.

73 - Bill - N8ET

Kanga US

kanga@mail.bright.net

<http://qrp.cc.nd.edu/kanga/>

419-423-4604

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 97 23:26:31 UT
From: "DANIEL DOBSON" <DAN DOBSON@classic.msn.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28001] Kenwood TS 140

Message-ID: <UPMAIL11.199710040025410038@classic.msn.com>

Hey folks,

Does anyone have any experience with a Kenwood TS 140 at QRP levels?
I've been looking for a "big rig" for those times (few!) when I feel like straying from QRP.

Any comments would be appreciated...Also what is the going value on this rig?

Dan KG9KF

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 21:10:00 -0400 (EDT)
From: Mark S Adams <msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu>
To: QRP Fanatics <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28002] FOX: Great Work NY Hunters!
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.971003210545.19144B-1000000@xena.acsu.buffalo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Congrats to all of the hunters from NY. I knew there were more of us than regularly showed up last year. Let's give those TX, AZ, OK, CA guys a run for their money (or whatever we play for).

Score 4 for the Buffalo QRP connection. (Hey Jim, N2G0, where were you?)

And oh yeah, SUPER job Brian!

72, Mark N2VPK
Member of the Buffalo QRP Connection

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 18:10:55 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28003] FOX: Fox Challenge Confusion
Message-ID: <199710040110.SAA04698@usr06.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Just a little clarification. Recently I sent two messages to QRP-L for two different "side events" for the Fox Hunt. Both involve hunter's results only.

#1) The North American Challenge

The North American Challenge is the one where states/provinces are competing against each other. Every Fox night, the results are tallied by state/prov. This number is then divided by the number of licensed hams in that state/prov. (probably rounded to the nearest 1000 hams...). State with the highest normalized score wins that night's Hunt. This way smaller states have a fair shot at winning a Hunt, and perhaps overall!

I *DO* need to hear from the various states/provinces though. Keeping track of the states will be alot of work. I'm willing to do it, but only if enough hunters want to see it happen.

#2) The Team Challenge

The Team Challenge is the one where any 3-5 Hunters can join forces. The Team score is a running total, taken from the total number of Team pelts bagged to date, and divided by the number of Team members. Good way to gang up with your pals across the continent. Maybe even hedge your bet and pick a friend outside of your normal Fox coverage. ;-)

There are already two Teams running loose, with more about to be announced. So pick a few Hunter friends, join forces, and let me know ASAP! Nice thing is that if you get skunked, you can still root for your fellow Team critters. :)

Please note that these "events" are *totally* separate from the Fox Hunt. They use Fox Hunt data, but should not interfere with the Hunt in any way. If they do, they're history.

That's the story folks. The rest is up to you. Now if you'll excuse me, I've been training some badgers to love the taste of coax. Figure I let a few go in CA, TX and NV and suddenly Team AB7*T* will shortly be in lead.... ;-)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"'Fraid nobody around here, understands my potato;
Think I'm only a Spudboy, looking for a real tomato." -DEVO

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 20:55:23 -0500
From: "Larry Wise/KA5T" <lewise@inetport.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28004] ND and SD operation
Message-ID: <199710040143.UAA17783@admin.inetport.com>
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Gang:

Guess I shouldn't have buried this in the tail end of a fox
message...Here is the info again....

I expect to be over in North Dakota and South Dakota next week
beginning on Monday Oct 6....If the wx is still OK and I can get up an
antenna I will be on 40 in the evenings...and 15 during the
day....Good ole 40 m dipole....If all else fails will put the hustler
on top of the pickup cab and give a try.....

On the foxhunt nights will attempt to work the foxi, then move to the
other side of 7040 from the fox and look for people to work....

Will be out of touch with the list after Sunday night until I get home
in a week or two...

CUall

Larry KA5T/0 MN lewise@inetport.com via cmgate.com and pegasus..
for a while...

Larry and Sarah at Dave's

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 18:12:20 -0800
From: "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28005] AL7FS Request for info - Gap Titan DX vertical

Message-ID: <3435A5DB.6176@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings from Alaska,

After hearing the signal strength from K50I on his Gap Titan DX vertical, I decided to try one. Why that antenna? It is a compromise as I tried the Butternut with all the ground radials (taking it down tonight) and I am significantly worried about tangling up moose with them. I plan to mount the antenna at least 12 feet high. I will try to use guys down about 10 feet from the top and at the antenna base.

This is a request for private comments on the GAP Titan. I have already bought it so I can't really use info that suggests I should have bought a different antenna. I am very interested in what worked for other users. How high? How much in the clear? Did trees have a large effect? What were your experiences with it? Did you modify the ground plane system in any way? Did that work? Is higher than 12 feet recommended based on your observations? Are there any questions I should have asked but did not? What was your answer to that one? :-) Etc.?

Thanks in advance. I am trying to get a lower angle of radiation from the home QTH. Seattle is a full 1450-1500 miles from here and I need an alternate antenna for 40 and 30 meters and the other WARC bands. 80 meters is not critical for me. I have a KLM KT34A at forty feet for 20, 15 and 10. I have inverted Vs at 38 feet for 30 and 40 meters.

I look forward to your comments to me at my home email address.

73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen
Anchorage, Alaska
Acupressure Anchorage
AL7FS ex-WA0LPK / KL7
2 meter WAS #36
Vision VR40 Recumbent Bike
<http://www.servcom.com/worcester/chat.htm> QRP Chat

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 02:24:10 -0400
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [28006] qrp and astronomeee...
Message-ID: <3.0.16.19971004001635.20a77452@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
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Just in the off chance...
Any former/current members of the Astronomy Club of Akron
qrp-l subscribers? I was a member back 1979-1982.
The skies were a lot darker then (a good thing, BTW).

...Rich

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Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 02:24:13 -0400
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28007] FOX: Week 1 (LONG)
Message-ID: <3.0.16.19971004022006.2f1fd7f0@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
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It Might Be... It COULD BE... IT IS!!!

It's the great QRP-L Foxhunt, week 1, and I'm feeling fine. First a big online handshake for K5FO... without his idea, we'd be vegetating on the strato, sucking in the season premieres, and doing other mind-deforming activities, waiting for the next contest weekend. I'm the first to admit that I'll think up all kinds of excuses not to make a few q's during the week - have to catch up on some reading, hard day at work, grass needs cut - di-dah-di-dah-di-dah. This is important. This is the Foxhunt, and today I hired a neighbor kid to take care of the grass for the rest of the season.

This is a fantastic study of propagation. Signals from all over the U.S. operating at the threshold of coherence, dancing in and out of my receiver's noise floor.

It's also a chance to hone an operator's pileup technique. Call, then listen. Does the fox take the bait when it's zero-beat, or a lil lower? Is there a freq pattern? What speed does the fox prefer? Can you tell

if he's using a straight key or not? Knowing how/when/where to call is now just as important as your rig, feedline, and antenna.

--- Oct 1 --- K50I

Tim started out about s-6, but within the first half hour, was s-0, and barely readable. It was at this point I engaged my Secret Weapon, and viola... he was 519, perfectly readable, with nary a trace of meter movement. So I began to call at the appropriate times, no more than twice between exchanges. Sounded to me that this fox liked zero-beat signals, so that's where I stayed most of the evening, with an occasional excursion down 200 cycles, just for a change of scenery. The narrow filter was the rule, and I kept twisting the Passband tuning, just to make sure it was hard to port. The QF1-A helped at times, too. Propagation definately favored Europe the first hour... there was an F6 two kc down raining terror in the form of a +20 db signal, and a quick look around netted a few DL's. In the second hour his signal increased, but so did the qsb, with occasional *deep* fades/peaks of 5 s-units. It was at one of the peaks that my call got thru, and we made the exchange. 0349z. After the qso, I took a look around... Europe was gone, replaced with W6's, 0's and 7's. The pileup wasn't *too* bad. How quickly things change.

--- Oct 3 --- AE9K

Ok, Wisconsin. I'll nab this one quick. I always hear Wisc. on 40m with big signals, *always*. I flick the switch, turn the dial. There's Brian now, signing with someone just before 0000z. Everything's in place - the ALC supply has the rig set at 4 watts - the band is in good form tonight, the noise is a manageable s-4. Here we go - "QRZ FOX DE AE9K".

Dah-di-dah.

BOOM! I swear it sounded like Heard Island with a 30db attenuator switched in. I drop my call - listen. Where is he? Jeez, is he taking a list? There must be 3000 signals here. More callers - a steady s-6 carrier of zero-beat signals. Has he answered anyone yet? Still more callers - the carrier is weaker now... there he is... yup, he's almost signed with his first qso. How did he ever get the exchange through all that? There's the first clue - the other station is not zero'ed, but a couple hundred hertz down. Ok, Homey can play that. I nudge down just a hair for the next go-round. "TU".

Dah-di-dah. BOOM! And so it goes for the next 50 min. or so. Seems like the majority of the qso's are down 100-200 hz. A few zero-beat. Brian was signing with one station, then picking up the next one with a quick "NW <callsign>". Some began calling at this point, which made it a lil tougher, but I noticed most of them caught on to this technique.

Brian's signal has a little qsb, but hovers around s-1 to s-3. At 0053z I drop my call, and get the fox. The pileup seemed to drop into the noise

at that point, so I guess it dropped on Brian's end enough for him to hear me. He was much stronger on the dipole than the 40m vertical w/ 30 radials, but I can only transmit on the vertical right now. No need to engage The Weapon on this one. I notice the turbine still spinning down from Monday night's qso.

...Rich

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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 21:47:40 (-0500)
From: "Dean T. Miller" <dtmiller@dsminet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28008] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710040247.VAA08355@dsminet.com>

> Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 11:29:18 -0700 (MST)
> From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>

> >We could go that route, but we'd definitely have to
> >draw the line somewhere. Consider the slippery slope
> >of the following arguments:

> . . .
> Simplify it. Use the number of licensed hams. Arguments as to whether they
> have/use HF privileges don't mean anything. If someone has a license to
> drive a car, and doesn't have a car, are they NEVER going to drive? Don't
> think so.

I agree that it should be based on the number of hams in a state.

Some states are high-tech (with concentrated population areas), some 'low-tech' (with population spread across the state and no large cities) and some mixed. This produces a widely varying ratio of hams per population unit.

-- Dean -- from Des Moines (KB0ZDF)

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 03:05:39 -0400
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28009] re: FOX NA Challenge
Message-ID: <3.0.16.19971004024741.2f0fc8ba@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
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>
>Shouldn't we normalize based on the number of licensed amateurs in each
>state? (and no, I haven't looked up the numbers recently).

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>
Any others in KY besides me? email direct.

I refuse to normalize.
...Rich

Rich Dailey, KA8OKH <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
The KA8OKH / KB4NPI Web - <http://www.qsl.net/ka8okh>

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 20:49:02 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28010] Re: Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
Message-ID: <199710040349.UAA06115@usr09.primenet.com>

Howdy,

Mike (K1MG) wrote:

>
> OK, Joe. We're game.
>
> Here's team number two in the Fox Team Challenge competition!
>
> The Aluminum Allies: N6XU, KU7Y, K5FO, W5TFB, K1MG
>
> Anybody else out there good enough to challenge us?

Hah! The Three Spudboys of Team AB7*T* (Athos - AB7TK,
Porthos - AB7ST, and Bubba - AB7TT) will have you cowering
in the corners of your puny little hamshacks!

Aluminum? We don't need no steenkin' aluminum! All copper wire here! You've seen the announcements from IBM and Motorola? Copper's where it's at. And I've got over 800 ft. of the stuff buried throughout my yard. Rumor has it that Randy (AB7TK) lives on top of a copper mine. And Bob (AB7ST) has anodized his entire backyard with 10,000 sq. ft. of COPPER. Loves it! Never has to mow his lawn now. Hah! HAH!

Chris (N3XRV) wrote:

>

> Ya just had to go poking that stick in the hornets nest again
> didn't you Joe! See what happens :) Hey MDmW, any takers? 72

No problem! Hah! HAH! (Hurry up and get a team together, will ya? We're dyin' out here.... ;-)) Copper, I say! Did you hear me? Copper! HAH!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"'Fraid nobody around here, understands my potato;
Think I'm only a Spudboy, looking for a real tomato." -DEVO

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 00:29:48 -0400 (EDT)
From: Mike Duke <K5xu@cris.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28011] IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LAUGH, HIT DELETE NOW!
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.96.971004002546.2078A-1000000@mariner.cris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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A friend just sent this one. While not directly amateur radio, it's very believable.

73,
Mike

Noah's Ark... If it happened today

And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "In six months I'm going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people, and two of every kind of living thing on the planet. I am

commanding you to build an Ark." And in a flash of lightning, He delivered the specifications for an Ark.

"Okay," said Noah, trembling with fear and fumbling with the blueprints.

"Six months, and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "You'd better have the Ark completed, or learn to swim for a very long time."

Six months passed, the skies clouded up and rain began to fall. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard, weeping. And there was no Ark.

"Noah," shouted the Lord, "Where is the Ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me!" begged Noah. "I did my best. But there were big problems. First, I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet code. So I had to hire an engineer to re-draw the plans. Then I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system.

"Then my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

"Then I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the Spotted Owl. I had to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife that I need the wood to save the Owls. But they wouldn't let me catch any owls. So, no owls.

"The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now we have sixteen carpenters going on the boat, and still no owls.

"Then I started gathering up animals, and got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me taking only two of each kind.

"Just when I got the suit dismissed, EPA notified me that I couldn't complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of a Supreme Being.

"Then the Army Corp of Engineers wanted a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them a globe.

"Right now, I'm still trying to resolve a complaint from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over how many Croatians I'm supposed to hire. The IRS has seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country. And I just got a notice from the state about owing them some kind of use tax. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for at least another five years," Noah wailed.

The sky began to clear. The sun began to shine. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up and smiled.

"You mean you're not going to destroy the earth?" Noah asked hopefully.

"No," said the Lord sadly. "The government already has."

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 23:38:45 edt
From: k4wz@juno.com (RON L TODD)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28012] TIN
Message-ID: <19971003.233849.10823.27.K4WZ@juno.com>

I found a neat tin at the food store. Whitmans Sampler candy. It is thicker than the Altoids tin.

RON K4WZ, MIKE AF4FF, MATT AF4FE, BETH KU4JG
PO BOX 885, FOREST PARK, GA. 30298
YOU CAN MAKE EXCUSES OR MAKE MONEY, BUT NOT BOTH (APPLIES TO CW)

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 00:54:52 -0400
From: Scott Bauer <ke3nv@erols.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28013] Nice German Kit!!!
Message-ID: <199710040454.AAA04248@smtp3.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi,

I have just received a gift from a good friend in Germany. It is a VERY nice 20 meter CW/SSB QRP kit called the T20P. This is a super high quality kit!! The only problem is that the manual is in German and I cant read German.

The kit has two boards. The VFO board is approx 2x2-3/4 inches and the transceiver board is approx 4x6-1/4 inches. both boards are silk screened and have plated through holes. This is a parts only kit, no cabinet. I did get a speaker and the pots though. I think a s-meter and some other stuff is needed but I cant read it.....

Is there someone on this list that can read and translate this manual for me?? The text part of the manual is seven pages long. I will pay for the work. Anyone game??

72&73 de Scott Bauer W3CV, Odenton, MD. grid FM19. Formerly KE3NV
Founder and trustee of W3DV, Woodwardville ARC, "the WARC"
A local club for the QRP enthusiast

visit my web page at <http://www.erols.com/ke3nv/>

G-QRP 8773

QRP-L 728

NORCAL 1094

DL-QRP-AG *GM*

CQC 352

QRP ARCI-8804

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AR-QRP 27

WARC QRP Club

CW OPERATORS QRP CLUB 484, FISTS, ARRL

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 22:05:56 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28014] FOX: Team Challenge DEADLINE/Standings
Message-ID: <199710040505.WAA03117@usr05.primenet.com>

Howdy again folks,

For those of you who might have thought that the Aluminum Allies are unbeatable, I present the current standings of the Fox Hunt Team Challenge. It's nearly a dead heat! See? Copper! HAH! :-)

All team entries must be emailed to me by Oct 12th

(that should be one week from Sunday). Team rosters normally will not be allowed to change, but exceptions may be made. (In particular I'm looking for a deal on a Timewave 599+ DSP.... ;-))

So find some friends, make some allies and go for it! You've got one week! Remember, you can pick fellow Hunters from all over North America. NAFTA and all that. :-) Minimum 3, maximum 5 Hunters per Team.

Current standings are appended. Just do it!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"'Fraid nobody around here, understands my potato;
Think I'm only a Spudboy, looking for a real tomato." -DEVO

----- FOX TEAM STANDINGS (10/3/97) -----

The Aluminum Allies (N6XU, KU7Y, K5FO, W5TFB, K1MG)
Total Pelts: $2 + 2 + 1 + 0 + 2 = 7$
Total Members: 5
Current Score: 1.4

Team AB7*T* (AB7ST, AB7TK, AB7TT)
Total Pelts: $1 + 1 + 2 = 4$
Total Members: 3
Current Score: 1.333...

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 00:37:51 -0500 (CDT)
From: Adrian Weiss <aweiss@sunflowr.usd.edu>
To: QRP-L@listserv.lehigh.edu
Subject: [28015] RE: W1FB Review of JOY OF QRP
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.94.971004003450.24755A-100000@sundance>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi guys: I found more reviews of the first edition of JOY OF QRP. I'm posting them because I don't want to wait until reviews of the second edition are published. It's basically the same book with some added material and should be here

in a week or two.

Here's what Doug DeMaw W1FB said:

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QST REVIEW: JOY OF QRP

The author, a longtime dedicated QRPer and low-power columnist for CQ Magazine, won the race for producing the first QRP book. Although others have been preparing QPP handbooks, Adrian Weiss pushed ahead and crossed the finish line ahead of the dawdlers! His book has a bright yellow glossy cover, and the printed matter inside is bold and printed on easy-to-read paper. Perhaps the excellent English usage and proper application of punctuation can be attributed to the Ph.D in English Renaissance Literature held by the author. I found the book easy to read, and the text is interesting throughout.

Although the volume contains no index, it does have a table of contents. The chapter titles are (1) The Exciting World of QRP, (2) Sharing the Joys of QRP, (3) Planning for QRP Operation, (4) Putting a QRP Signal on the Air, (5) Homebrewing the First QRP Rig, (6) general Operating Techniques, (7) Planning and Operating Specific Types of QRP Activity, and (8) RF Power Measurements.

The list of chapter titles pretty much describes the contents of this book. Emphasis is on operating and the history of QRP, rather than on the practical application of circuits or design procedure. The book appears aimed at introducing the would-be QRPer to the world of low-power Amateur Radio. The author's history section-respective to the worldwide QRP movement-seems to be well researched and complete. Weiss did his homework in that area of his text, or perhaps he has an unusually accurate crystal ball.

Complete information concerning QRP clubs around the world, QRP nets and QRP contests is provided. This directory section should prove invaluable to those who aspire toward a venture in QRP operating.

The operating section discusses times of day versus band conditions, band selection for best results, antennas for QRP and general operating objectives. This is the area of flea-power operation in which many newcomers fail after having grown used to high-power operation with elaborate antennas.

Another part of the book deals with the use of store-bought QRO transmitters and transceivers. That is, the author describes ways to reduce the power of these rigs for QRP operation.

Chapter 8 is dedicated to RF power measurements. Measuring power at the RP level is not an easy assignment, owing to the general availability of QRO-only commercial power meters and SWR indicators for amateur-use. He covers the objects of dc- versus RF-power measurements, RF-power concepts, RMS RF probes and a QRP RF wattmeter. Since many low-power enthusiasts use as little as 50 mW of output power, homemade equipment is needed to set the RF-power level accurately.

I would have no hesitation in recommending WORSP's book to any amateur interested in QRP operating. In fact, it will provide great reading for nearly any active ham, even if QRP is not presently a hamshack objective.

-Doug DeMaw, W1FB
QST August 1985

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 23:32:30 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
Cc: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28016] Re: FOX: Team Challenge DEADLINE/Standings
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971003232715.14292A-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Joe,

How do I apply for a grace period?

Whaaaaaaaaaaa, sniffel.....

I'm gonna be gone for a week.....not fair to hurt the
team for my absense.....:-)

Can I send a note from Carol???

Is it OK if each one of my team members works the fox's for me???

We gonna whump youse all....

Copper....teeheehehehehe.....Geeesh guys, I thought they would
at least use some real antennas..... :-)

But that's OK, we have a wire X-Purt too! And he is just getting
warmed up.....

(Copper....teeheehehehehehehe.....)

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: 04 Oct 1997 11:20:20 +0000
From: Dave.Ackrill@LotusXchgPG.powergen.co.uk
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28017] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
Message-ID: <971004112020Z*/G=Dave/S=Ackrill/O=LotusXchgPG/PRMD=POWERGEN/

ADMD=CWMAIL/C=GB/@MHS>

Regarding the reception of clicking CW on telegraph relays, anyone who has used CW on VHF for Auroral work should be quite at home!

There is no tone with an Auroral CW signal, just a change in the receiver noise, but I find using CW in an Auroral opening is easier than trying to copy SSB via Aurora.

Cheers de Dave (G0DJA)
dave.ackrill@pgen.com

"I'd like empirical methods better if the results were not so unpredictable"

Date: 04 Oct 1997 11:20:35 +0000
From: Dave.Ackrill@LotusXchgPG.powergen.co.uk
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28018] Re: Morse Code, Kids, and learning
Message-ID: <971004112035Z*/G=Dave/S=Ackrill/O=LotusXchgPG/PRMD=POWERGEN/
ADMD=CWMAIL/C=GB/@MHS>

FWIW - JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) comes up on the 18/19th October. Lots of Scout stations around the world will be on. An ideal opportunity to demonstrate the "secret code". But one of the things that should shout at us all, you have to let the kids have a go! If you hog the rig they will probably wander off again.

If JOTA is too close, try Thinking Day On The Air (TDOTA) which is the equivalent for Guides as JOTA is for Scouts.

Mind you, there is nothing to say that Guides can't take part in JOTA, or vice versa.....

I may be operating from one of the UK special event stations, if so I will try to do some QRP operating, but if the Scouts/Guides are working someone who is not QRP, then they get first option of course.

Cheers de Dave (G0DJA)
dave.ackrill@pgen.com

"I'd like empirical methods better if the results were not so unpredictable"

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 05:50:56 -0700 (MST)
From: Jack Meadows <jackmead@getnet.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28019] FOX: Team Challenge - Ole Coots team forming
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971004050336.1192A-1000000@gn2.getnet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

If you are over 40 and want to be in a team called "Ole Coots",
email me.

Jack W7QQQ
jackmead@getnet.com

On Fri, 3 Oct
1997, Joe Gervais wrote:

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Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 13:53:57 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28020] FOX SCORES 10/5/97
Message-ID: <199710041253.NAA02583@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

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1997-1998 FOXHUNT SUMMARY SHEET
October 5, 1997

FOX SCORES Total Number of Q's = 133

K5OI	Tim	NM	69
AE9K	Brian	WI	64

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HUNTERS SCORES Total Number of Q's = 133

W0CH(2) KB0PTE(2) K0EVZ(2) KB0ROL(2) KA5T/0 W0CLR N0HJ
N0HJ K0SU N0TFI

W1GM AA1MY N10CJ N1QQV K1MG(2) K10J +
 W2BRT AA2PF W2PFS N2TN N2TO K2VNM N2VPY K2SJB W2UX WZ2T +
 K2VCO
 KJ3V(2) N3KFL N3XRV KA3WMJ KA3EAJ W03B +
 KU4AF(2) K4CGY WA4CMI N4DD AE4IC KK4KF KS4L N4ROA N4JS N4UY +
 KC4MHM K4GT KS4L K4WZ N4DD WB4EXW
 KK5X0(2) N5ALO KI5G K5ON K5ZTY(2) KK6MC/5(2) N5JI(2) W5FN(2) +
 W5HNS(2) AB5UA(2) W5XE K5FO(2) KQ5U AA5CO K5JHP
 N5LU KQ5U AA5CO K5WO
 N6XU(2) N6WG K06KA W6SIY WE6W WA6NAE W6EMD K6RPN AA6R +
 KF6CTA W6SU AC6KW KN6YD W6ZH KI6OY W6BAB K6MW
 NQ7X(2) AB7TT(2) KU7Y(2) N7VE(2) W7QQQ(2) AB7TK WW7Y AB7ST +
 N7CTJ W7SSM N7GS NQ7K KI7MN N7CQR AB7MY KJ7YN W7GVN
 AB7OA
 KA80KH(2) +
 NF9K WA9YLB W9UQB +
 VE3ELA VE4RY VE5RC VE7CQK +

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

 Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 07:47:09 -0600
 From: wa5whn@juno.com
 To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
 Subject: [28021] Air Mobile
 Message-ID: <19971004.074713.2662.0.wa5whn@juno.com>

QRP-Lers,

If You just happen to copy a few Air Mobiles, on HF (QRP) (10 meters
 SSB), from Albuquerque, NM (Grid square DM65), the reason is in the
 following URL ;

<http://www.aibf.org/>

Quite a few VHF/UHF Air Mobiles on right now. There is no special event station, for this event, this year.

72, ...Jay, WA5WHN DM65qd

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 09:47:43 -0500
From: Jim <kj5tf@mctc.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28022] Testing portable 40M dipole tonight
Message-ID: <3436570F.769D@mctc.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you plan to be on 40M tonite (saturday evening), listen for me after 8:00PM central time - (01:00 UTC sunday) - 7.042-43mHz

Tonight I will be testing a portable dipole. Its shortened by 30% so each leg is only 26' long!
The place I will be parked is a country cemetery outside of Fayetteville, Arkansas. No trees except for a big clump that would eat up too much RF. So I made a PVC "tree" that gets the top up 15+ ' and I use rocks and string to hold the ends of the dipole as an inverted V. Tests at home show 1.2 SWR's

I hope this pickup truck mounted dipole will be a good alternative to using a Hamstick or similar whip. And be usefull in locations where a tree branch isnt available.

The PVC "tree" is 1/2" and 1" id, and slips over the Hamstick lower section, (the upper section or whip part is left off) I attached the top of the dipole to a "T" at the top and its up there 15+ feet, as the Hamstick mount is on the rail of the bed of my pickup truck. I directly soldered RG58 braid and center conductor to either leg of the dipole.

I will also be using this portable dipole for NCS duty tuesday October 28th 7:30PM central (00:30Z wednesday) thats the week of Halloween, again from the cemetery. And I will be checking in to the AR QRP 40M net next tuesday with this setup.

I'm not too fretfull about being in a cemetery after dark in total darkness, I have a granddaughter burried there and feel very comfortable. But naturally I hope to have allot of company on the air!

Hope to hear some of you tonight on 7.043+- QRM.

Thanks , cul, de Jim KJ5TF/QRP AR QRP #2

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 11:47:47 EDT
From: kc4mhm@juno.com (ed miller)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28023] SST
Message-ID: <19970923.043516.4951.1.KC4MHM@juno.com>

Dear Gang:

Last Saturday P.M. I mailed an order to Wilderness Radio for two of the last SST's. This A.M. the person person (Mailman) delivered both. Eight days round trip coast-to -coast by the USPS; perhaps UPS needs to read a page or two from their book.

I now have SSTs for 20M,30M, and 40M. If the two I received today are only half as good as the 20M version then life is truly grand.

Thank you Wilderness Radio, thank you Wayne N6KR and now it is time to melt solder and burn fingers.

73 de Ed

KC4MHM@juno.com

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 09:39:03 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: ku7y@sage.dri.edu (Monte Stark)
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28024] Re: FOX: Team Challenge DEADLINE/Standings
Message-ID: <199710041639.JAA00176@usr05.primenet.com>
Content-Type: text

Howdy,

Ron (KU7Y), He of the Big Shiny RF Tree, wrote:

>
> How do I apply for a grace period? Whaaaaaaaaaaaaa, sniffel.....
>
> I'm gonna be gone for a week.....not fair to hurt the team for my
> absense.....:-) Can I send a note from Carol???
>
> Is it OK if each one of my team members works the fox's for me???

This very difficult matter will require *much* deep contemplation (I'm still looking for a good deal on a Timewave 599+ DSP *nudge nudge*) :-)

It gets worse - I noticed one of your Team critters is scheduled for Fox duty in the near future. ;-) 'Course who am I to talk - Spudboy Randy of the Russets (AB7TK) of Team AB7*T* is up for Fox duty too. Hey... uh oh... OK, here's the deal, our Fox won't ignore CA, TX and NV if *your* Fox doesn't ignore AZ, ID and UT. ;-)

> We gonna whump youse all....
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> Copper.....teeheehehehehe.....Geeesh guys, I thought they would
> at least use some real antennas..... :-)
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> But that's OK, we have a wire X-Purt too! And he is just getting
> warmed up..... Copper.....teeheehehehehehehe.....)

(Even a passing familiarity with Monty Python comedy will help here...)

Hah! HAH! We AB7*T* critters laugh in your general direction, you with all your silly running about type business! I blow my nose at you, you second-hand electric donkey bottom biter! Now go away or I shall taunt you a second time! Nyah! Nyah nyah!

Aluminum. HAH! Half the world can't even say it right. Second-rate material. You'll be tearing those shiny trees down inside a month and *begging* us to show you how a proper COPPER antenna system should be set up. Heck, Spudboy Bob (AB7ST) holds the patent for the process of anodizing one's backyard with copper. And for three Timewave 599+ units, he'll consider allowing you to see how its done. :-)

Hah! HAH!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"And then you must cut down the mightiest tree in the forest with... A HERRING!"

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 17:59:07 +0100
From: Peter Barville <peter@barville.demon.co.uk>
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28025] 15m Condx
Message-ID: <hsjw8GAbXnN0EwXD@barville.demon.co.uk>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Hi Fellers .. the band is picking up nicely. Managed a qso with VK3BX
(my first VK in ages) this morning, as well as these QRP/QRP qso's:
ZB2/G3HBN, AA2NL and K1MZ.

WA8LCZ and N2TO (both QRP) were 'gotaways'.

Looks good for the Fall Party!

--

72, Peter G3XJS (<http://www.barville.demon.co.uk/qrxpinfo.htm>)

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 14:16:57 -0400
From: "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
To: <peter@barville.demon.co.uk>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28026] Re: 15m Condx
Message-ID: <199710041814.0AA141328@pimout1-int.prodigy.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Peter and gang,

Not sure if you were calling me, but I believe I QRZ?'d a calling station.
Was that you?

I worked CT4RL/P QRP, two-way QRP at that time on 21061. Alot of QSB on
the band. David was at 2 watts out, and I was originally 5. My report
went from 549 to 339 when I went down to 2 watts.

Peter if you're going to be on the air shortly, please e-mail me back.
Maybe we can try a quick sked.

PS... just worked GM3CS0 near Glasgow a few mins ago.

72 Kevin N2T0
Brooklyn, NYC
kfglynn@prodigy.net

> From: Peter Barville <peter@barville.demon.co.uk>
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Subject: 15m Condx
> Date: Saturday, October 04, 1997 12:59 PM
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Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 12:14:31 -0700
From: w7rfm@juno.com (John E Hirsch)
To: "Low Power Amature Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28027] Fox Hunt Bummed
Message-ID: <19971004.121435.6462.0.w7rfm@juno.com>

On Oct 1 I listened to the freq and made my calls and Thought that I heard my call being returned by Tim K50I. I know that I heard him call me back because he was a solid 599 here at my station. Any way I sent my info to him and copied his info as best I could , He was sending the numbers faster than I could copy, and was so excited that I jumped on the computer to make a post of my first ever fox .

A few days later when Tim posted his results I found that I was not on the list at the time that I ,thought, made contact.

I would like to say that I am sorry for jumping on and making such a bold a statement with out having a confirmed fox.

I listened on the next fox hunt and could hear the fox very well but did not even try for him, I was too Bummed out over the first one.

john

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 15:46:58 -0700
From: William Penhallegon <w4stx@gte.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <"qrp-l"@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28028] Re: Sputnik
Message-ID: <3436C761.3BF7@gte.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRP-Lers,

Excuse the bandwidth and the not strictly QRP subject.
On the 40th anniversary of Sputnik I found my old QSL from the USSR for
copying the signal. Does anyone remember the frequency and cw
characters sent by Sputnik as it passed over? Does anyone know the
Russian translation on the back of the card? I
would surely like to know.

Tnx es 73, Bill w4stx@gte.net

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 16:04:11 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28029] NOVICE FOX TEST 0100UTC TONITE
Message-ID: <971004160409_577958387@emout09.mail.aol.com>

I will be testing out the rig and antenna tonite getting ready for tomorrow
nite. I cleaned the key, used antenna wax on the dipoles, and got lots of
paper and pencils ready to copy. I plan just short QSOs with RST / NAME /
QTH to get warmed up.

TIME: 0100-0200 UTC
FREQ: 7.18-7.122
CALL: KB7MBI
QTH: Woodinville, WA (30mi NE of Seattle)
CODE SPEED ABT 10-12 WPM.
PWR: 5 WATTS
ANT: Dipole up 50 ft and/or vertical dipole

Alan

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 97 14:08:40 MDT
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28030] Re: Oct Quarterly
Message-ID: <9710042008.AA11994@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Well, I sent out a thankyou yesterday and checking my digest yesterday and today, nothing - guess it went to never-never. Anyway, The pony express arrived in Far West Texas yesterday with the October QQ. Another fine issue by Ron, KU7Y and the fine quarterly staff. Thanks Ron, everyone associated with the articles, we out here do appreciate all of your efforts.
73 Ray

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Ray Colbert, W5XE
00TC 3618, SOWP 1064M
El Paso, Tx (Far West Texas)
(also: v31xe@dzn.com)

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 12:22:48 -0800
From: "Jim, Nancy, Juliann, and Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28031] Proof that AL7FS does have good days. :-)
Message-ID: <3436A598.5128@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings from Alaska.

20 meters is open into Europe today. I just work 2 stations in France with my 4 watts measured with my WM-2. Lots of other stations but I think there is also a lot of noise, QRM, whatever on the band for those folks. I was just tickled to work them. 559 from both of them. They were not QRP.

AND!!!!

I went sailing this morning. Garage saleing, that is. Get a load of this....

- Ten Tec Triton I (50 watt out, max) with CW audio filter and Xtal calibrator, w/manual
- Ten Tec Model 261 Deluxe Power Supply/Spkr with VOX and jacks for headphones and mike, w/manual
- Ten Tec Model 207 Ammeter, designed to work with the 261 PS
- Ten Tec Model CPO 555 Code Oscillator
- Straight key, simple but functional
- Microphone, Hand-held
- Ameco Code course lesson 1-10 on tape
- Booklet-"Short Code-Book; Extract from Radio-Medical Assistance for the Transmission and Reception <<in code>> of medical messages for urgent First Aid" 1959 printed in Rome (but in English)

What did I pay for all of this at the garage sale <picture AL7FS pausing with a gleeful smile>?.....

\$20.00 !!!!!!!!!!!!!

I also picked up:

AudioLinear AVS-100 Audio/Video Processor - \$5.00
GoreTex Raincoat (REI), Expedition mitten inserts and gloves plus quality over-glove - \$15.00 for all 4 items together.

I DO have good days!!!!

73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen
Anchorage, Alaska
Acupressure Anchorage
AL7FS ex-WA0LPK / KL7
2 meter WAS #36
Vision VR40 Recumbent Bike
<http://www.servcom.com/worcester/chat.htm> QRP Chat

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 16:29:51 -0400 (EDT)
From: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <grp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28032] Squeal Vs. Insulated Battery
Message-ID: <v01530501b05c1ed39993@[208.131.170.32]>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Fellow QRP-Lers and all Altoidoligists,

Put the finishing touches on my Pixie2 today by installing it in an ALTOIDS tin along with 3.5mm jacks for the key and headphones as well as a BNC connector for the antenna. It really looks and performs sweet! The project has gone just great but I've got a question:

Why did the audio "squeal" when I laid the battery down in the tin? The whole tin is connected to ground. When I lifted it out it was fine but as soon as it came in contact with the tin...bang...there it was again. Solution....I simply put a few pieces of electrical tape around the battery (now it looks like military surplus) and waalaa!.....the squeal went away. It works just great with a 120mw output.

Can anyone offer an explanation?

Thanks,

Frank

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Grid Square FM16

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 14:02:00 -0500
From: Bob Tellefsen-CNSE97 <Bob_Tellefsen-CNSE97@email.mot.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28033] Novice Foxes
Message-ID: <M2067882.007.jpnc6.1.971004211401Z.CC-MAIL*/OU=LMPCC4/OU=ILBB/PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/@MHS>

Chuck:

Thanks for the update on our upcoming Novice/Tech+ Fox class.

Really happy to see such a good number coming on board.

01' Kenwood's looking forward to chomping on some nice, tasty tender Novice Fox.

Welcome aboard, fellows. Hope you have as much fun with it as we have had.

73, Bob N6WG and 01' Kenwood

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 16:04:56
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28034] Ham fest report
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971004160456.23474c86@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Howdy all,

Just back from the fall "Hosstraders" event in Rochester NH. Bumped into a few of the qrp-1 crowd there. It rained/drizzled into the afternoon Friday, once again confirming my theory that when a million or two dollars worth of electronics gets spread around on the ground, it is going to rain :-)

Got a few goodies. Picked up a 160 M Isotron antenna. don't know yet if I'll try it on 160 or take a few turns off the coil and make it into an 80 M version or not yet.

Also got a bare board to build one of those new "SLR" DC Rx units as shown in the Oct QST. Jade Products had them along with the complete kit and it looked so neat, I just had to get a board to try it.

And of course, one always has to buy some neat looking, but totally useless thingie. I found a guy with a big box of accelerometers selling them for a buck a piece, so got two. They look like they cost us tax payers 10 grand a pop. As if I don't have enough junk already :-) (But it's really neat junk!!)

73,
Steve, KD1JV....In the White Mountains of New Hampshire

"Melt Solder"

Date: Sat, 04 Oct 1997 17:33:52 -0400
From: Paul Stroud <aa4xx@ipass.net>
To: klnet <klnet@acpub.duke.edu>
Cc: QRP-L <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28035] KnightLites' 80M Roundtable
Message-ID: <3436B640.5601@ipass.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang,

This past Sunday, September 28th, saw a good bit of activity on the KL 80M Roundtable. Thanks to the following folks who joined us:

KA80KH	Rich	Somerset,	KY	569	
K4WZ	Ron	Forest Park	GA	569	80M Loop
WA1QVM	Joel	Concord,	MA	449	
N3GO	Gary	Raleigh,	NC	589	130mW Pixie II Prototype
AC4QX	Lauren	Cary,	NC	549	5W Attic Dipole
K1CL	Chuck	Chelmsford,	MA	339	
AB4PP	JP	Raleigh,	NC	569	4W Carolina Beam
KE4RUO	Jim	Angier,	NC	599	Century 21
AC4HF	Jeff	Cookeville,	TN	449	
W3RDF	Don	Myrtle Beach,	SC	579	100mW Longwire
AE4IC	Bob	Greensboro,	NC	599	900mW Horiz Loop
KB3BVG	Danny	Silver Spring,	MD	569	1W Loop
WJ4P	Randy	Summerville,	SC	579	
N7RI	Ralph	Charlottesville,	VA	599+	5W Dipole
KF8EE	Ted	Loveland,	OH	569	5W Century 21
AE4MX	Henry	Raleigh,	NC	599	5W
AA4XX	Paul	Raleigh,	NC (NCS)		5W 80M Dipole up 60'

It was good to hear from everyone. With improving band conditions, the milliwatters are coming out of the woodwork (with good signals)--It can be surprising what a little bit of RF can do... Toward the end of the session, N3GO turned down the voltage on his Pixie II to 3 volts and was still copiable (Gary estimated a power output of 3.2 mW at that point)--Fun Stuff!!!

We had check-ins from quite a few different states, which indicates that 80M is indeed improving as Winter approaches. We hope you will consider joining us this coming Sunday night at 9:30PM EDT local time, (or 0130Z) when Sir Gary, N3GO, will host the next Roundtable. We meet on the Pixie frequency--3686.4 KHz. The Net control station will be using the KL club call--WQ4RP. See you Sunday!

72,
Paul AA4XX Raleigh, NC

Date: Sat, 4 Oct 1997 18:07:13 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: Paul Stroud <aa4xx@ipass.net>
Cc: klnet <klnet@acpub.duke.edu>, QRP-L <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28036] Re: KnightLites' 80M Roundtable
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971004180029.19142E-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

This is to confirm Reception of N3GO on 9/29/97 at 0300Z in QSO with AA4XX. N3GO while off freq from Paul was a good 339 here in Silver Spring, MD. (Had to use RIT to read him as I had the filter down at 100 hz) Paul was a solid 579 all night. Also Sunday Night was the First Net QNI using the "Maryland Milliwatt Club Callsign - KB3BVG "
We are working on a Vanity call Application now. Still tallying input from my fellow MWers. :^) If only FCC would break lose with -QRP calls.
WE3QRP/p :^)

72 ES
QRP DX TU (C) 1986, G. "Danny" Gingell, K3TKS@ abs.net
QRP A.R.C.I. Net Manager and Board of Director Member.
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